

PRESIDENT: Since there is a motion on LB 79 and it is Senator Hall's motion, he is not here, the Speaker has decided that we will move on to LB 215 on General File. Mr. Clerk. I understand somebody is handling LB 215 for Senator Withem. Would they please let me know who that is. Revenue heard the bill. Senator Hefner, were you authorized to handle that? Are you vice-chairman? Do you wish to? Or do you wish not to. If you don't care to, Senator Hefner, we could move on. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I think we'd better wait for Senator Withem because...

PRESIDENT: All right. We will move on then to LB 304.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 304 was introduced by Senator Hefner. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, are you going to handle that?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I move for the advancement of LB 304.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Hefner, just a moment. (Cavel.) We seem to have a lot of conversation going on that is covering some of our speakers, so would you hold it down, please. Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill would require out-of-state mail-order retailers to collect sales tax and use tax on merchandise shipped into Nebraska if they do the following things. Number one, soliciting orders through the advertising media located in the state and directed at the state's residents. And this would be such as radio, TV and newspapers. Number two, soliciting orders from residents of Nebraska by mail such as catalogs, fliers, brochures and if there are continuous regular or seasonal; if these are continuous regular or seasonal. Also if the retailer benefits from any banking, financial, debt collection or marketing activities occurring in the state. This would be like the